

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
NORTHERN District of NEW YORKUnited States of America
v.

Catalin Andrei ALBU

Defendant

Case No. 8:17-MJ-565 (GLF)



CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date 12/12/2017 in the county of Franklin in the Northern District of
 of New York, the defendant violated 8 U. S. C. 1325(a)(2), an offense described as follows:

The defendant, being an alien, did avoid and elude examination and inspection by immigration officials of the United States. as he entered the United States from Canada.

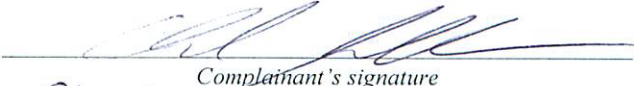
This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

On December 12th, 2017, at approximately 6:10 p.m., NY Border Patrol Agents received a phone call to assist New York State Police with a traffic stop on State Route 30 South of the town of Malone. Upon arrival, NYSP had already placed all three subjects in their vehicles to be transported to the Malone NYSP barracks for processing. One of the passengers was later identified as ALBU, Catalin Andrei, born on [REDACTED] in Iasi, Romania. Agents conducted records checks on ALBU which revealed him to be without any valid immigration documents to legally enter or remain in the United States. ALBU was in possession of a Romanian Passport, which included no valid visa to enter the United States. Citizens of Romania are required to obtain a valid visa to enter the United States. Also, CBP Lane Checks show he did not present himself at a U.S. Port of Entry for inspection. Had he presented himself, he would have been denied due to the lack of a valid visa.

ALBU was transported to the Burke Border Patrol Station for further processing. Records indicated ALBU flew into Mexico City on November 18, 2017 where he stayed for a few weeks. On December 10, 2017, ALBU flew to Montreal, Quebec, Canada as a visitor. Subject then claimed during the interview that he was smuggled across the International Boundary between Canada and the United States, via boat, on December 12, 2017 near Hogsburg, NY. He stated he was taken across the St. Lawrence River then picked up by car and driven into the United States. ALBU stated that he paid \$6,000 to a friend in Canada to smuggle him into the United States. Once in the United States, ALBU paid a woman \$1,000 to drive him to New York City.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 12/14/2017City and state: Plattsburgh, New York


 Complainant's signature
Charles Sullivan Border Patrol Agent


 Judge's signature

Honorable Gary L. Favro, U.S. Magistrate Judge
 Printed name and title